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MONTEREY NEWS



March, 1975

OUR TOWN

New Fire House Envisioned

There was a lengthy discussion this month between the Selectmen and Raymond Tryon regarding the condition of the fire house, including safety problems, insurance, and the question as to whether renovation of the existing structure is preferable to construction of a new building. The Selectmen indicated that they would like to put the entire question before the Townspeople in the form of a Special Article on the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting in May. Raymond Tryon discussed with the Board the possibility of building a new fire house (\$25,000 minimum estimate) rather than renovating the existing building (now estimated at approximately \$11,000), especially with the possibility of labor funder through the CETA Program. The Board

agreed to look at a proposed site but questioned the \$35,000 figure as unrealistic.

Democratic and Republican Caucuses

The Democratic caucus will be held on Friday, April 4, in the church social room, at 8:00 p.m. The Republican caucus will be the following day, Saturday, April 5.

Land Available for Gardening

Land is available in Monterey for townspeople who need garden space or who want extra space in addition to their home gardens. People can plant individual gardens and/or work together on co-operative planting of winter storage vegetables, tomatoes for canning and other crops. Land has been offered in several locations. People interested in using this land or in making their land available to others may contact Janet Volckhausen, Community Garden Service, 528-1947, or Ellen Blount, Monterey Food Co-op coordinator, 528-1988.

Monterey Food Co-op

The Monterey Food Co-op has been operating since early January. The Co-op is an ordering group, open to anyone, which buys food in bulk from various outlets in the area. Fruit and produce have recently been added to the order blanks. The Co-op needs new members to be able to continue ordering in bulk. Every item on the order blank has a minimum bulk amount that must be purchased to enable it to get goods at low prices. The Co-op is learning more of the logistics as it goes along. There are many jobs, including typing and collating order blanks, pick-ups in Springfield and North Egremont, packing and dividing the goods for distribution, selling surplus and much phoning to keep the process running as smoothly as possible. Everybody has pitched in and somehow found something he could help within his own schedule. Order blanks may be picked up at Walsh's Gulf Station or the Roadside Store. The next ones will be ready March 31, at noon, pick-up April 10, 6:00-7:30 in the church basement. Orders again due the following Monday April 14, pick-up April 24.

There will be a meeting for all members and interested parties on Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. Membership in the Co-op is \$1.50 per person or \$3.00 for a household. Some examples of prices through the Co-op include cottage chess, 55¢ per lb., whole wheat flour, 22¢ per lb., mushrooms, 65¢ per lb., broccoli, 50¢ a head, bacon, \$1.19 per lb.. For further information call our coordinator, Ellen Blount, 528-1988.

Town Plan Outline

As stated in the January MONTEREY NEWS, Janet Flory and Randy Neel have begun work on the Natural Features Inventory in preparation for writing the Town Master Plan during summer and fall. The following is their condensed outline of the work to be done for the Town Plan and map inventory:

Primeval Monterey

- A. Land and Water
 - 1. Geology 2. Physiography 3. Soils 4. Water
- B. Plants and Animals
 - 1. Vegetation 2. Wildlife



Early Monterey

- A. The Indians along the Konkapot River (their way of life and effects on the environment)
- B. The Early White Settlers
 - 1. Economic base and settlement patterns
 - 2. Population trends
 - 3. Roads and services
 - 4. Town government
 - 5. The effects of white settlers on the environment
- C. Monterey in the Mid-1800's
 - 1. Economic base and settlement patterns
 - 2. Population
 - 3. Roads and services
 - 4. Town government
 - 5. The effects of the 1800's on the environment

Monterey in the Twentieth Century (recent history and existing conditions)

- A. Land and Water
 - 1. Climate
 - 2. Soil suitability
 - 3. Subsurface water (ground water yield, aquifers)
 - 4. Surface water (lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands)
- B. Plants and Animals (common and endangered species, animal habitats, vegetation types, hunting practices)
- C. The Recreation Based Economy
 - 1. Tourism and summer residents
 - 2. Other factors of economic base (forestry, farming, commercial)
 - 3. Employment (in Monterey and out of town)
- D. Land Use Patterns
 - 1. Land ownership (large private land owners, public lands)
 - 2. Housing patterns
 - 3. Trends in land values
 - 4. Land use regulations (zoning bylaws, subdivision regulations, state land regulations)
- E. Population Trends
- F. Recreation (state forest lands, parks, beaches, other)
- G. Education
- H. Roads and services
 - 1. Roads, existing and proposed
 - 2. Services (electric, water, waste disposal, police, fire, road maintenance, health, social)
- I. Town government (administration, issues and policies)
 - 1. Taxation
 - 2. Public finances
 - 3. Issues and policies
- J. Effects of the Twentieth Century on Monterey
- K. Effects of Monterey on the Environment

Planning for the Future

- A. The nature of the planning process
 - 1. The role of the public in this plan
 - 2. The role the public should play in the continuing planning process
- B. A Discussion of the selected land use plan (including a discussion of the rejected land use alternatives)
- C. Topic Descriptions and Recommendations
 - 1. Land and water management
 - 2. Plant and wildlife management
 - 3. Economic base recommendations
 - 4. Land use recommendations
 - 5. Recreation needs
 - 6. Roads and services recommendations
 - 7. Town government
 - 8. Town fiscal position
 - 9. Regional Responsibility

Conclusions

Monterey Map Inventory

The Natural Landscape

- A. Physiography
 - 1. Location map (regional location and small state map)
 - 2. Physiographic regions overlay of town
 - 3. Slope
 - 4. Elevation
- B. Geology
 - 1. Bedrock geology
 - 2. Surficial geology
- C. Water
 - 1. Surface water
 - 2. subsurface water
- D. Soils
 - 1. General classification
 - 2. Detailed soil survey 20% of the town
 - 3. Soils interpolation map
 - 4. Suitability for septic tanks
 - 5. Suitability for lot sizes
- E. Vegetation types
- F. Wildlife habitats and common and endangered species
- G. Scenic, natural and conservation areas
- H. Natural suitability map

The Human Landscape

- A. Historic Sites
- B. Recreation, existing and proposed
- C. Roads and trails, existing and proposed
- D. Services, existing and proposed
- E. Land values

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Masses at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .
Confirmation Class Sundays at 9:15 a.m. . . .
Classes for children 3-8 at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . The funeral for Kalman Oswald was on March 6. . . . Robert and Jill Ensign received into membership on March 2.

Notes

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday will be celebrated on March 23 with the distribution of palms to all worshipers. Maundy Thursday will be the celebration of Holy Communion with the office of tenebrae on March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Worship

Easter will be celebrated on March 30 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All services will continue to be held in the social room because the bicentennial restoration program is at a stage which makes the sanctuary still unavailable.

Bicentennial Restoration Program

As often happens in restoring a building, one encounters more than was anticipated. This is holding true on the first phase of our restoration program. When "the surface is scratched" there is the discovery that sound workmanship requires going deeper. This is happening in the sanctuary. The restoration committee is confident that the congregation will be pleased with the results when the sanctuary is completed, but the hope to be back in the sanctuary for Easter faded several weeks ago. The restoration program became something like an archeological excavation. Some interesting history has come to light. It is hoped that a write-up of some of this history can be produced along with the completed project.

Town Plan Outline (continued)

- F. Land use, existing
 - 1. Entire town 2. Business district 3. Large land owners and farms
- G. Proposed land use alternatives
 - 1. Plan # 1 2. Plan # 2 3. Plan # 3
- H. Existing zoning districts
- I. Proposed zoning districts alternatives
 - 1. Proposal # 1 2. Proposal # 2 3. Proposal # 3

SHARE THE WEALTH

Salvation comes first to the chosen few,
But afterward it comes to you.

Accept the gift of God in trust;
He is kind and she is just.

Do not bury your blessing, though;
Invest it and then watch it grow.

Smile through your tears, dispense God's
grace

To all and sundry, face to face.

No longer run as fast as you can
From girl and boy, woman and man.

They are God's holy messengers
From his own bank to fill your purse
While you fill theirs. The more you give,
The more God gives to you. So live.

Kelly Janes

All of us have encountered the person who begins speaking to us by saying, "I don't mean to get personal, but. . ." Usually what follows is indeed personal, and frequently it has some element of pain in it. There seems to be hesitation in being truly personal, yet communication is often improved at the moment we do so.

A few weeks ago I was struggling over our dilemma in getting the mimeograph machine on which this publication is printed repaired. One part was needed. It was long delayed in coming. There seemed to be no way to break open a giant corporation and get someone to accept personal responsibility for seeing we got the part we needed. The person immediately responsible for getting our machine repaired said, in a note of despair, "In many of the big companies they deal more with paper than they do with people. There is a proper paper form to use for each situation. Paper reports glow even while the service falls apart." Whether this is a fully accurate view of the current situation I do not know. In any event, there seems to be enough evidence to support the fact that it brings a chill to the heart. A part of what makes a "Watergate" possible is thinking in terms of systems rather than of specific persons. Often, as I hear government officials talk of energy, economics, inflation and recession, I get the impression they are thinking much more of systems and concepts than they are of flesh and blood persons who have genuine feelings.

It seems to me we are ripe for a revolution of the personal. Our society is sick to the death of the impersonal. The novel 1984 is characterized by its prediction that systems will be far more important than individual persons. 1984 is now only nine years away. Any steady look at ourselves will reveal that we have moved further down the road toward these predictions than we would have believed possible a dozen years ago. I wonder if many of the breakdowns and failures in our present systems, whether they be in government, education, economics, religion or whatever, are not occurring because of their devotions to systems more than to people. This can go only so far, and then a law of nature -- or of God -- begins to set in. Because of the failure to be true to persons, because the nature of persons is being violated, the system itself must eventually crumble and fall apart.

This article is a simple plea to get personal. Of course we are all working within systems, and we are going to find no way to divorce ourselves from them. As soon as another person and I agree to meet for work at a certain time we have set up a system. But if I begin to pay more attention to the time than to the person, I am already becoming entrapped by the system. It is only by vigilance and everlasting attention to persons themselves that we will escape being swallowed up by systems.

Two persons are married. By their marriage they set up a system, an arrangement. Let it be said that if they live together without marriage this also is a system. In any case, it is very simple, without noticing, to become more devoted to the system than to a genuinely open and honest relation to the other person. A gradual, subtle change may take place in a marriage, in which decisions are made more in the interest of preserving the arrangement than in deepening the intimacy of the relationship. The process of depersonalization sets in. Behold, many couples eventually discover that they are using much more energy in maintaining the system between them than they are on cultivating true openness and intimacy. Thus, the personal is victimized in order to maintain the system.

There is a movement that is generating a good bit of enthusiasm these days. It is called "Marriage Encounter." It is a discipline that step by step enables a couple to reverse the process described above. What becomes apparent to those who enter into Marriage Encounter is that they started hiding, holding back from each other the most personal thoughts and feelings for fear these would damage their marriage. What they discover in Marriage Encounter is that they damaged their marriage far more by their fear of being truly personal with each other.

What I have observed about marriage I believe is true regarding all the systems within which we live. I am not asking from you something simple. Nevertheless, I do lay before you the imperative challenge, "Let's get personal!" First of all, let us recognize how easily and subtly we become sucked into our systems. Secondly, let us care deeply about persons, your own person as well as all others. Fight to keep alive the personal in yourself. Far better to fight to engage the personal in others than to develop a bland, feelingless impersonality. Wherever you find intimations of the personal in others struggling for life, engage with it as a priceless gift. To care about the people around you. Let's get personal!

Virgil V. Bralier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GOULD FARM NEWS

A meeting of the corporation members of the William J. Gould Associates was held at the Farm on March 1. The purpose was to amend the by-laws, permitting the treasurer to serve any number of consecutive terms. A meeting of the Board of Directors followed. Election of officers was the first order of business. Dr. Virgil Brallier was re-elected President, Dr. Albert Danielsen, Vice-President and Edward Dunlop, Treasurer. Mrs. David S. Barrett of Sheffield was elected Clerk. A six-month leave of absence was granted Mr. Dunlop, who has served the Farm since 1962, taking only brief vacations. He said that he will probably wait a while before making use of the longer absence now approved. The Board urged that the Guest Housing Committee act swiftly in proceeding with a workable plan for a new dwelling. At the afternoon session Cory Loder was introduced and gave a brief description of his position as religious coordinator and counselor at the Farm.

In connection with the work permit of one of our young English farmers, the office of Congressman Conte has been very helpful. These two men have now left for Canada, where they are again working as farmers.

The maple sugar season started early this year. Cold weather has brought production to a temporary halt, but the sap is expected to be flowing again soon.

Flats have been started in the greenhouse. Loul McIntosh and her assistants are beginning to grow cabbage, brussel sprouts, tomatoes, green peppers, egg plant and many annual flowers. Two different guests are to be invited to work in the greenhouse each day, in the hope that all will, in due course, have a chance to participate.

Recently Virgil Stucker came from Marshfield, Wisconsin, to be a work leader and a substitute house parent. He is a graduate of Ripon College, where he majored in philosophy. He learned of Gould Farm through an item in the Friends Journal.

Early this month James Aldrich arrived from Amsterdam, N.Y., to assist Dan Reuter on the Farm. For three years Jim attended Plattsburgh State University, working toward a liberal arts degree in psychology and English. He then transferred to Cobleskill, where he graduated as an Associate in Applied Science, specializing in agronomy.

Barbara Wendt, also from Amsterdam, has joined the staff as a work leader. She attended Plattsburgh for two and a half years, majoring in elementary education.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

At the March 5 meeting, open to the public, Monterey Grange observed Booster Night. Past Deputy David MacWhinnie was guest speaker; also present were Verna Borst, a member of the state Home and Community Committee, and Pomona Deputy Earl Bond and Subordinate Deputy Maurice Brazie. 60 members from surrounding Granges and new members enjoyed a musical program by Brenda and John Ramier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ramier of Great Barrington, and also Mary Possetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Posetta of Housatonic.

Our annual Youth Night was observed March 19, with youth from surrounding Granges conducting the meeting and furnishing the program. Several members recently made and donated two Youth Quilts to the pre-school for retarded children in Framingham and several cheer baskets were delivered to the Nursing Home.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

Our next meeting will be March 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Marie Brallier. Ellen Blount and Janet Volckhausen will be with us, representing the Monterey Co-op. They will tell us how it works, what is available and how to become a member.

On April 28 our meeting will be at the home of Gertrude Gould. At that meeting we will be honored with an informal musicale. More details of the program will be in the next MONTEREY NEWS. We invite all ladies of the community to share in these meetings.

Marie Brallier

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At long last the Monterey Historical Society will have a home. As the extension to the Library nears completion we must plan to use this facility to the best of our ability. Our museum should be an expression of the heritage and culture of Monterey. The collection of artifacts, documents, pictures and costumes directly connected to Monterey families will be our aim. Please check your attics and barns and, should you come upon an antique or treasure related to Monterey's history, do let the Society display it.

Sally Fijux
President



GIRL SCOUTS - HAPPY 63RD BIRTHDAY!

The Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes are planning a birthday party in observance of the 63rd year of Girl Scouts. The party will be in the church social room on the 20th of March after school. The Brownies and Juniors will have games to play and the Cadettes will serve refreshments. Agnes Pizzichemi and Nancy Smith will put on a string puppet show. The Juliet Low Fund will also be collected at this time, a penny for each year of a girl Scout.

The Brownies went to Great Barrington so see the different window displays that the various Girl Scout Troops in the area had in honor of Girl Scout Week. The Juniors and Cadettes sold 550 boxes of cookies. Anyone missed may still get cookies when they come in around April 15. The Cadettes are working on their Last Challenge of the Girl Scout Promise. Sue Farnum of Great Barrington is assisting the girls in working for First Class.

BOY SCOUTS

The Blue and Gold Banquet will be held on Friday March 21 in the church social room. Den 1 will have the opening ceremony and Den 2 will have the closing one. The Webelos will be putting on a puppet show. Mr. Harvey, of the Boy Scout Council, will present a short program.

Den 1 and Den 2 will be working on Conservation for the next month. A field trip to the Fish Hatchery is planned.

The Boy Scout Show this year is being held at the University of Massachusetts. Pack 51 will be participating in a gymnastic exhibition led by Mrs. Maryellen Brown. The event will take place on April 26. Tickets will be available at \$1 each, of which 40% goes to the pack.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

The boys and girls have a dance planned for March 22 at the Mt. Everett High School. "Boogity Shoe" will be playing. The time is 7:45 to 11:00. Grades 7 through 12 are invited.

4-H NEWS

Congratulations go out to the Monterey Road Runners for their outstanding window display titled "Healthy, Happy Horses are Hard to Beat." This display was chosen as the best in Berkshire County. Also Congratulations to Shawn Ryder for having one of the five best posters in Berkshire County. Shawn's poster was one photograph.

The Monterey Greenthumbs have a field trip planned for Thursday, March 20, to Ward's Nursery. A program on "Planning Your Vegetable Garden" will be given, along with the proper instruction for starting seeds indoors.

The Lick'em and Stick'em Stamp Club meets every Wednesday in the library basement at 7:00 p.m.

This month the Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club has made old-fashioned rice pudding, tamale pie, hearty meatball soup and Ozark pudding. We also did crossword puzzles and scrambled word puzzles that pertained to different food categories.

Kristine Heath
Reporter

The Monterey Roadrunners spent their February meeting talking about the coming Ham Dinner which they sponsored on March 15. We also entered the window exhibit contest and spent one afternoon during the February vacation working on it. It was on display at the Monterey Post Office. Our club was chosen as having the most outstanding window exhibit in Berkshire County.

Mary O'Connor

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Park Commission will be held Sunday, March 30, at 2:00 p.m. on the library lawn. Peter Rabbit will show up to help the little ones find eggs. All children from birth through third grade may enter.

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

The Monterey Roadside Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 19. All the youth group will be participating in this annual project. Starting time will be 8:00 a.m. At noon refreshments of hot dogs and hamburgers, along with soda, will be served. Mr. John Ryder is in charge of the clean-up. Drivers and trucks are needed. If anyone can help please call 528-2548.

BICYCLE CLINIC

The Park Commission, along with the Girl Scouts, is sponsoring a bicycle clinic on April 19 right after the roadside clean-up. Starting time will be around 12:30. Boys and girls are asked to bring their bikes for repair.

LOCAL RESIDENTS PUBLISH NEW BOOK

Helen and Martin Weiss, part-time residents of Monterey, are adjunct instructors of graduate and continuing education at Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y., as well as instructors in special needs at Massachusetts State College, North Adams. They are the parents of five sons, two of whom have learning disabilities, and have been evaluating and remediating learning disabled children for several years. Their books are what they were unable to find when they began seeking help for their own children -- comprehensive and practical guides to meeting the needs of learning disabled youngsters. Their new book, "Survival Manual" outlines in clear and practical terms various kinds of teenage learning disorders. It offers concrete suggestions for remediation. If you wish to order this book write to TREEHOUSE ASSOCIATES, Box 568, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, 01230.

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